

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Panchayat Presidents.

522. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (Kunnamad cum Parur): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any rule that Village Panchayat Court Presidents be nominated from amongst Vakils and Advocates?

MR. B. PARAMU (Secretary to Government): No.

Prohibition of public meetings.

523. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) why two members of this Assembly, Mr. A. P. Udayabhanu and Mr. S. Sankaranarayanan Tampi, were prohibited from addressing public meetings at any time within the last two months; and

(b) if so why?

MR. B. PARAMU: (a) and (b) Because of their subversive and intemperate utterances.

MR. K. A. MATHEW (Tiruvalla): The answer to part (b) of the question says "Because of their subversive and intemperate utterances. May I know from the member whether he can give a sample of those intemperate and subversive utterances?"

MR. B. PARAMU: The speeches delivered by those persons were considered to be highly objectionable and so they were prohibited from addressing public meetings.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what parts of their speeches were considered subversive and intemperate?

PRESIDENT: The question is whether the honourable member will furnish portions of the speeches which were considered to be intemperate or subversive.

MR. B. PARAMU: Sir, I will furnish those portions of the speeches.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why those persons were not proceeded against under the ordinary law?

MR. B. PARAMU: Government did not consider it necessary to proceed against them. They were prohibited from addressing public meetings.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the reason for it?

MR. B. PARAMU: That is in exercise of the discretion vested with the Government.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the member be pleased to state whether those persons were guilty of any offences under the Travancore Penal Code?

MR. B. PARAMU: Government considered that their speeches were highly objectionable and that they will tend to cause breach of the peace and so their speeches were prohibited.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : My question is whether the speeches of those persons would come under the purview of any one of the sections of the Penal Code?

MR. B. PARAMU : That does not arise.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : So, can we take it that those speeches cannot be brought within the four corners of the Penal Code?

PRESIDENT : That is a matter of opinion.

Stationary Magistrates.

524. *RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

- (a) the total number of Stationary Magistrates in the State ;
- (b) the number of Ezhavas doing duty as Stationary Magistrates at present ; and
- (c) whether any reservation is made for recruiting Stationary Magistrates from the Bar ?

MR. B. PARAMU : (a) 20.

(b) Nil.

(c) No.

Registration Department.

525. *MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there are any Sub-Registrars from the backward communities ;
- (b) whether any complaints were made for the same ;
- (c) if so, what measures were taken by the Government ;
- (d) whether there are persons from the backward communities who were acting Sub-Registrars or acting Head Clerks in the said department ; and
- (e) will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of such acting services from the backward communities ?

MR. B. PARAMU : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (b) above.

(d) There are no persons from the backward communities who were acting Sub-Registrars and who have been reverted ; there are eight persons from the backward communities who were acting Head Clerks and who stand reverted from 1-11-1120.

(e) A statement of such acting Head Clerks with their services is placed on the table.

Burial ground for backward communities.

526. *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

- (a) whether they have received any representation from the backward community members of Kanjirapally for the construction of a burial ground ; and
- (b) what action, if any, has been taken in pursuance of that representation ?